



And Also With You

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They Were Not Afraid of the King's Edict



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Hebrews 11:23 says, *"By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born because they saw he was no ordinary child and they were not afraid of the king's edict."* This verse is in

the Faith Chapter where the writer traces the faith history of the heroes of Scripture, reminding us of believers who trusted in the Lord in spite of great adversity.

Moses' parents are mentioned in this hall of fame. They are not named except to be called, *Moses' parents*. The backstory to Moses' parents is that they are Hebrew slaves in Egypt. The Egyptian government is an absolute monarchy and it is becoming paranoid over the growing numbers and strength of its slave population. To remedy the problem, Pharaoh orders that male Hebrew babies be thrown into the Nile at birth. This will arrest the Hebrew population growth, and stabilize the balance of power between Egyptian and slave.

It is into this world that Moses is born. On seeing that they have a son instead of a daughter, his parents hide him for three months. In the days before air conditioning when houses are exposed, can you imagine trying to hide a new born? Look at what the verse says, *"...They saw he was no ordinary child..."* What does this mean? My guess is that Moses' parents are devout believers in the one true God. My guess is that they discern something significant

about this baby. They have two older children to compare him to, Aaron and Miriam, yet there is something remarkable about Moses. He is no ordinary child.

This discernment about baby Moses causes his parents to take matters into their own hands. They hide the baby for ninety days. A newborn. He must be no ordinary child! It is the last part of the verse that I am most interested in, however: *"...They were not afraid of the king's edict."*

Moses' parents are slaves. They are foreigners within Egyptian society, and they are on the lowest rung in Egyptian culture. The king, of course, sits at the top and is absolute at that. Yet what does the verse tell us? *"...They were not afraid of the king's edict"* which is to kill all Hebrew baby boys at birth. I can imagine parents



trying to hide their child from soldiers who are sent to kill. I would be very afraid for my baby and my family in general. Moses' parents, however, discern that this is no ordinary child. Moses' parents hide this extraordinary child for three months before

moving to Plan B which involves a tiny ark, bulrushes, and a princess. Moses' parents are not afraid for their safety, their son's life, or of the most powerful man on earth at the time. They are parents of faith. They believe God more than they believe their own fear. Psalm 4:8b (Passion Translation) sums up the valor in Moses' parents' hearts, *"...For no matter what happens, I will live unafraid."*

This month we will see two parties within the most powerful government in the world gather to strike deals and attempt to convince the American people to cast a vote

JULY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am

Worship
(nursery provided)
6:30 pm
The Union's
Worship Service

MONDAYS

10:45AM

INTERCESSORS
706-897-6381
6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group-
Information: 455-
5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am

Women's Bible
Study-Information:
990.2973

FRIDAYS

8:15 am

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Information:
751-5266

CHALICE BEARERS

July 3

Bob and Jane
Grafe

July 10

Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

July 17

Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

July 24

Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

July 31

Maggie and
Julian Carnes

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for their party's agenda. In spite of the continual God given favor to the US, it is becoming a *fear-ful* nation. Non-believers are afraid. Their fear expresses itself in anger and with demands for greater rights. Believers are also afraid, manifesting itself as *concern* by some and outright terror by others. Moses' parents stand as



godly examples as to how to stand in faith. They defy their king's

edict because they are not afraid of him. They know that his edict is wrong and that their baby is no ordinary child.

I am not advocating anarchy. Far from it. I am advocating that believers honestly assess how much fear they allow into their lives each day. Our fear is what needs to be thrown into the Nile River. Fear creates stress and stress kills. Fear stops the flow of life. Fear kills belief. It stops the flow between relationships and communication. Fear short circuits our connection with God and the movement of His Spirit.

If you go to Hebrews 11: 27 it says, "By faith Moses left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible." Moses is the next generation and he



repeats his parents' spiritual heroism. Moses, like his parents, does not fear the anger of the most powerful man on earth.

Let's be people of faith, ergo *the faith-ful*, as we have been called throughout history. Let's know what is right and not be afraid regardless the circumstances, political, spiritual, or relational. Blessings, Scott +

Financials

2016 June
 Income \$16,905
Expenses \$19,542
 Net \$-2,637

2016 Second Quarter Giving
 Income \$50,190
Expenses \$54,828
 Net \$-4,638

2016 First Half Giving
 Income \$106,270
Expenses \$105,000
 Net \$ +1,270



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